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1. Because Canton fell to the Communist Army well ahead of the time political planners expected, there was still some rivalry discernable at that time as to who should be governor of Kwangtung and mayor of Canton. LIN Piao, some of whose troops took Canton, was one unsuccessful contender for the positions, while LI Chi-shen, head of the Kuomintang Revolutionary Committee, was another.
2. Many of the officials to take office in Canton after the takeover have been living in Hong Kong for some time. FANG Fang, Deputy Governor of Kwangtung, has remained in Hong Kong to confer with authorities there on the Canton-Kowloon Railroad and on other trade problems.

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